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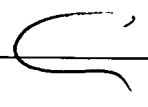
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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/606,979	Applicant(s) VOGT ET AL.	
	Examiner Anna Gofman	Art Unit 1771	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1 and 17-21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Election/R strictions

1. Claims 1 and 17-21 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected group, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on March 29, 2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-7 and 10-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hayashi et al. (US 4,109,038).

Hayashi et al. teach a suede-like raised woven fabric which comprises warp yarns and weft yarns and an elastic polymer applied to the fabric (abstract). The fibers can be natural fibers such as wool or cotton (col.5 lines 65-67). After application, the elastic polymer can be solidified by coagulation (col.7 lines 19-20). The woven fabric can have a satin weave construction (col.13 lines 34-35). The raised fibers are napped fibers (col.11 Table 1). The coating is applied to the back-side surface, or the surface which has the least amount of raised fibers, if both sides undergone the raising process (col.7 lines 1-3). As shown in Example 1, the woven fabric has 70 warps/inch and 56 wefts/inch. According to Example 3, the weight of the fabric is 301 grams per square

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meters (Table 1). Claims 12-13 recite a property limitation. Therefore, Hayashi et al. would necessarily have a cotton count of the filling yarns in the range of 4/1 through 32/1 and 4/2 through 32/2 and warp yarns in the range of 8/1 through 32/1 and 8/2 through 32/2. The elastic polymer is also impregnated into said fabric (claim 7), which anticipates the limitation of claim 2 which requires that the polymer is partially incorporated into the fabric.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashi et al. in view of Lovingood (US 2003/0190853).

Hayashi et al. fail to teach calendering. Lovingood is drawn to stretchy woven fabrics using natural yarns. Lovingood teaches that the woven fabric can be napped or calendered on the surface (pg.3 par.0032). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use calendering on the surface of the fabric of Hayashi et al. as taught by Lovingood motivated to create a smooth surface of the woven fabric.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anna Gofman whose telephone number is (571) 272-7419. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on (571) 272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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